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## Ogilvie gets nod for Senate seat

**POLITICS** The vacant Nova Scotia Senate seat has been filled by Prime Minister Stephen Harper — and it's going to Kelvin Ogilvie.

The past president of Wolfville's Acadia University was one of nine appointees named to the Senate Thursday. Ogilvie, 66, is a recipient of the Order of Canada and an expert in biotechnology, bio-organic chemistry and genetic engineering.

"I was enormously pleased and honoured to be rewarded. It's based on my career," Ogilvie told CBC news Thursday.

The naming of Ogilvie comes as a surprise to some as rumours had former Nova Scotia premier Rodney MacDonald being awarded the province's vacant seat. MacDonald announced Aug. 4 he was leaving provincial politics, six weeks after stating he had "no intentions of going anywhere" when he resigned as party leader for the Progressive Conservatives.

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Bob Robichaud, warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada, shows the path of tropical storm Danny at the Canadian Hurricane Centre Thursday. Danny will likely turn into a hurricane this weekend but it should be a post-tropical storm by the time it hits Nova Scotia, either late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. More coverage, page 3.

# Criminal intent

Province opening court for offenders with mental health issues

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**Social worker Mary Liz Greene is relieved the province is opening its first court to help people with mental health issues but also worries those who need it the most may not end up appearing before the special judge because they simply don't know any better.**

"That lack of insight is quite imbedded" the Dartmouth woman said Thursday of strong delusions suffered by those with schizophrenic disorders, including her 24-year-old son, John Candow, who is now in the East Coast Forensic Hospital after trying to strangle

## Howard Hyde inquiry

• The province has been criticized about the way it deals with those with mental illnesses during the Howard Hyde fatality inquiry. Hyde died 30 hours after he was arrested for

her. "They're not responsible for their actions."

Yet the new service announced by the Nova Scotia Government Thursday requires those who access it to first accept responsibility for their criminal actions.

Inside the under-construction courtroom at Dartmouth provincial court, Justice Minister Ross Landry said clients must also "agree to follow a community treatment plan, de-

veloped to address their specific needs." Greene said it's good to have another avenue for her son, who would likely take responsibility since he believes he's part of a criminal organization, tasked with killing her. "Only by the grace of God, he loosened his grip and I bolted."

Landry said the new court will "look at offenders and their illness, not just their crime," with the

goal of collecting cases that may have fallen through the cracks.

He said the mental health court will open Nov. 2, with Judge Bill MacDonald to hear cases recommended by a team of experts every Monday.

Steering committee chairwoman Judith McPhee explained "if someone truly feels they didn't commit the offence of which they are charged, they have the opportunity to stay in the trial court," which can then refer them to the mental health court.

Greene said her son can't be punished like a criminal because it would feed into his delusion. "He's not a criminal," she said. "He's a mentally ill person."

## Hospital food goes to healthy alternative

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**HEALTH** French fries, onion rings and other deep-fried favourites are about to be doused at Halifax area hospitals.

Starting Monday, the Capital District Health Authority will no longer serve deep-fried items at its hospital-run cafeterias. They will be replaced by healthier options, including baked chicken nuggets and baked potato wedges.

"We, as a health-care organization, want to be a leader and set an example in our community," CDHA spokesman Peter Graham said Thursday night.

"Part of that is to demonstrate positive and healthy behaviour around eating."

Graham said they have been working on changing their retail food policy for more than two years, with an easy decision being "to remove deep-fried foods from our menu."

This decision should bring smiles to some hospital cardiologists, who have spoken publicly about the need to eliminate deep-fried foods from these cafeterias.

As for patients and visitors who will be opposed, Graham said they "continue to have a choice of what they want to eat, just as we as an organization have the choice of what we want to offer."

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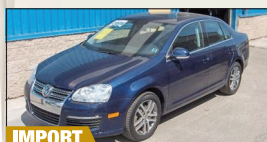
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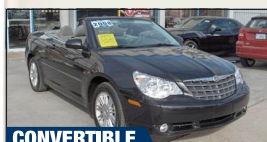
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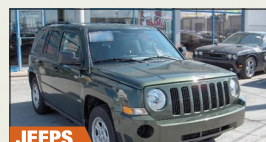
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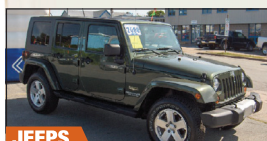
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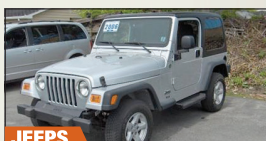
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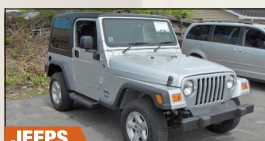
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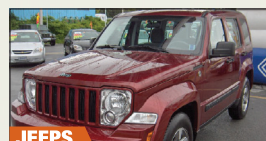
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**Weymouth, Digby Co., lands funds for downtown, waterfront revitalization**

The federal and provincial government announced Thursday they were each giving \$700,000 to Weymouth, Digby Co., to revitalize the area's downtown and waterfront areas. West Nova MP Greg Kerr said in a release the money "will help diversify the local economy ... and be a stimulus for the local economy." **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Local



## Green leader won't run again in province

When another federal election rolls around, one name will be conspicuously absent from the ballot in Central Nova — Elizabeth May. The Green party leader, left, has told the New Glasgow News she won't be re-offering in the riding when the next federal election call goes out. "The announcement hasn't officially been made, but there's no point in hedging on this. I have to leave Nova Scotia for the next election campaign." A riding rumoured to be under consideration for May is Saanich-Gulf Islands in B.C. which is currently held by Conservative cabinet minister Gary Lunn. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**



## Prostitution sting results in charges for 4 men

**UNDERCOVER** Four men aged between 56 and 63 are each facing charges after the Halifax Regional Municipality's Integrated Vice Unit conducted an undercover operation Wednesday night.

Halifax Regional Police say the men were arrested in the Windmill Road area of Dartmouth for allegedly propositioning an undercover police officer. Three of the men charged are from Nova Scotia, but outside of HRM. The fourth man is from New Brunswick.

All four will appear in court at a later date, charged with communicating for the purpose of prostitution.

On Tuesday night, the vice unit also arrested a 42-year-old woman on Agricola Street in Halifax for communicating for the purpose of prostitution. Police say the woman has been released and is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

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# Danny not to be taken too lightly

Post-tropical storm could still bring strong winds, heavy rain: Meteorologist

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## Don't kid yourself when it comes to tropical storm Danny.

"It could still pack a pretty good punch," Bob Robichaud, a warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada, said Thursday.

Although Danny doesn't appear to have as much muscle as hurricane Bill, Robichaud said the latest weather system in the Atlantic Ocean is "gathering strength" and headed our way.

He said Danny is expected to intensify into a hurricane when it whirls through waters off the coast of the northern United States early this weekend, and then transition into a post-tropical storm just before passing through Nova Scotia, likely late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

"These things aren't to be taken lightly, even though they've completed the transition process," Robichaud said at the Canadian Hurricane Centre in downtown Dartmouth, pointing to a screen showing that Danny could track straight through the province.

But he said it's too early to put "too much stock in



A pair of wave-seekers walk along the boardwalk from Conrad's Beach as hurricane Bill kicks up some wind and rain in this file photo from last Sunday. Nova Scotians are likely in for another weekend of wild weather as tropical storm Danny tracks its way northward.

## Weather warning

• Environment Canada meteorologist Bob Robichaud said Thursday the Canadian Hurricane Centre could issue a weather warning as early as Friday afternoon, but at the

latest by Saturday morning. At 3 p.m. Thursday, Danny was about 740 kilometres north-east of Miami, Fla., with maximum sustained winds of 93 kilometres per hour.

the actual track."

"We're not expecting this to be quite as strong as Bill," Robichaud added. "But that doesn't mean

that ... we won't see winds that are close to what Bill brought us over the weekend."

Hurricane Bill had weak-

ened to a Category 1 storm when it scraped by Sunday, but still brought with it winds of up to 87 kilometres and between 50 and 60 millimetres of rain to Halifax Regional Municipality.

"Bill was kind of a different beast altogether," Robichaud said, adding it peaked as a Category 4 hurricane.

"The whole time that it tracked south of Nova Sco-

tia, it kept its structure as a tropical-type system, so it wasn't post-tropical."

But Robichaud pointed out that post-tropical storm Hanna dumped 145 millimetres of rain over Saint John, N.B., last year, "which caused a lot of flooding."

"Any time you have a tropical-type storm headed your way, you've got to be prepared for it," Robichaud said.

# \$14M pumped into N.S. forestry industry

**FUNDS** The federal and provincial governments announced Thursday they were pumping \$7 million each into the Nova Scotia forestry industry.

According to a provincial government release, the combined investment of \$14 million is providing silviculture assistance primarily for woodlots smaller than 2,000 hectares. The two-year work plan is scheduled to create more

## "We are ... strengthening the forestry sector now and for years to come."

Defence Minister Peter MacKay

than 400 jobs "while ensuring long-term sustainability of forests and creating carbon offset benefits," the release said.

The work includes site preparation, planting, thinning, and tending to ensure growth, composi-

tion and quality of forests. "We realize the importance of the forestry sector in creating the secure jobs our economy needs," John MacDonell, Nova Scotia's natural resources minister, said in a release.

The federal government

is investing \$5 million through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the other \$2 million through Enterprise Cape Breton Corp.

"We are not only strengthening the forestry sector now and for years to come, but we're also creating jobs and supporting rural communities today," federal Defence Minister Peter MacKay said in a release. **METRO HALIFAX**

## 2 charged after marijuana seizure

**DRUGS** A 27-year-old female and 26-year-old male are each facing charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking after Halifax RCMP say they seized 125 grams of marijuana and two mature marijuana plants from a vehicle in Lower Sackville Wednesday night.

Police say they stopped a car at the intersection of Rosemary and Sackville drives at 7:30 p.m. and found the drugs. Two children, 8 and 1, were also in the car. Police say they were turned over to their grandparents and Nova Scotia Child Services was contacted. The two charged will appear in Dartmouth provincial court Oct. 21. **METRO HALIFAX**

# 17-year-old robbed by group in grocery store parking lot

**THEFT** Halifax RCMP say four men robbed a 17-year-old male youth in the parking lot of the Sobeys on Sackville Drive early Thursday morning.

Police say at 12:30 a.m., the victim was walking in the parking lot when four white males approached him and demanded money. Police say the victim

was grabbed and pushed and had a small amount of money stolen from him.

Police say the suspects then ran in the direction of a TD Bank, while the unin-

jured victim went home and called police.

Two of the suspects were wearing dark clothing, police say, and another a white hoodie. **METRO HALIFAX**

## News in brief

**CRIME** A 53-year-old man was arrested Wednesday night after Halifax Regional Police say a man returned home to find someone inside his house on Sunnydale Crescent in Halifax. Police say the suspect is facing a charge of break and enter and will appear in court at a later date. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Transit dealing 'deplorable,' says family

## Father of young autistic boy upset by treatment of son on Halifax city bus

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**A Dartmouth couple says Metro Transit's response to concerns about how their autistic son was recently treated while riding a bus has so far been "deplorable" and wants to talk to the public transit authority about how to better deal with those who have special needs.**

"They haven't contacted us at all," David Croft, father of eight-year-old Iza-

ak, said late Thursday afternoon. Izaak is one of several children participating in a summer day camp put on by the Autism Society of Nova Scotia.

Camp leaders told Croft Izaak was kicked off the bus Wednesday because the driver was frustrated with his screaming, while the group was on their way back from The Discovery Centre in Halifax to the camp on Joseph Howe Drive.

"The bus driver said that



**"The counsellor ... took it upon himself to go back, get the child and get off the bus."**

Lori Patterson, Metro Transit

he couldn't drive the bus with that kid screaming," Croft said, emphasizing he wasn't there but learned of the day's events from the camp director, who accompanied Izaak off the bus.

Croft said Izaak's screaming was "likely a re-

sponse to sensory stimuli."

"He just gets overwhelmed by something in his environment, because he's mostly non-verbal," he explained.

Metro Transit spokeswoman Lori Patterson said Thursday a surveillance

video shows the driver did say "I can't drive if that continues," but denied Izaak was ever kicked off the bus. "The counsellor ... took it upon himself to go back, get the child and get off the bus."

Patterson called the whole situation "unfortunate." She said Metro Transit did leave a message with the Crofts, but hadn't spoken with them as of Thursday.

Croft, however, said his wife was the one who called a Metro Transit su-

pervisor Wednesday evening.

"I am looking for an apology, but more importantly I'm looking for a discussion," said Croft, who along with his wife, Charlene, is involved in Artists for Autism.

Patterson said the driver is responsible for "the care and control" of their bus, adding "any time that there's a disruption that they perceive can interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle ... they can say something."

# Sister of McDonald's murders victim says 'stand up' for rights

**JUSTICE** The sister of a man killed in the 1992 McDonald's murders in Cape Breton wants those who are outraged with the Canadian justice system to stand up for victims' rights.

Cathy Burroughs recently returned to Glace Bay after attending a parole hearing in Laval, Que., for convicted murderer Darren Muise.

Muise was 18 when he admitted to killing Neil Burroughs Jr., a 29-year-old married father and maintenance worker. He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 20 years.

Two others were killed during the botched robbery attempt on May 7, 1992 and McDonald's worker Arlene MacNeil was shot and left permanently disabled by a brain injury.

Two people who were friends of Muise at the time, Freeman MacNeil and Derek Wood, were charged with first-degree murder and sen-

tenced to life with no parole for at least 25 years.

During a hearing Monday, Muise was authorized to have two unescorted temporary absences that will allow him to stay with his girlfriend — 24 hours in the first month and 48 hours for the second month should he abide by the rules.

"Seventeen years ago Nova Scotia was outraged because this happened," Cathy Burroughs said on the phone from her parents' home in Glace Bay. "Why don't they stand up beside victims of crime and start writing their politicians and saying 'Hey we need some change here, our system is not working.'"

"If they are so outraged I would really like for them to start standing up because honey, they don't want to have to walk in our shoes."

Cathy Burroughs

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## News in brief

**DRUG BUST** Two men and a woman were arrested Wednesday after three search warrants were carried out at residences in the No. 11 area of Glace Bay. The Cape Breton Regional Police street crime drug unit seized several ounces of cocaine, marijuana, and hydromorphone, as well as an unspecified amount of cash in the searches. The three

adults were arrested under the Control Drug and Substance Act for possession for the purpose of trafficking in cocaine, marijuana and hydromorphone. The female was released from custody but the two males were to appear in court Thursday on several possession for the purpose of trafficking charges.

CAPE BRETON POST

# Grant keeps students in Halifax

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Twenty graduate students from Nova Scotia will be able to do research as interns for local businesses thanks to funding announced Thursday.

Doctoral student Ashley George said the \$400,000 Accelerate Nova Scotia program would help give him that little bit extra.

"It's fantastic," the Dalhousie University computer science student said at the announcement in Halifax. "It supplements your regular funding from the university, so it's above and beyond what you would normally get as a graduate student. I can't complain."

But George, in the middle of an eight-month internship, said other students are still scraping by.

"I think I'm a special case. I think most students do live paycheck to paycheck, and that's just the nature of graduate funding. I guess you sacrifice a lot for a ca-



Education Minister Marilyn More speaks to reporters after announcing a new graduate intern program on Thursday. The Accelerate Nova Scotia program will pair 20 Nova Scotian graduate students with local companies for applied research projects.

reer in science."

The program will give 20 students a minimum of \$10,000 per four-month internship. It is cost-shared by the province, the federal

government and industry.

Arvind Gupta, scientific director at Simon Fraser University, said his students often leave the province or the country after they grad-

uate because there aren't enough financial incentives here.

"For me this is one of the saddest things that happens," he said. "My students will get a degree and then often leave. They'll come into my office and be like, 'I've got this great opportunity from a company in California.'"

Gupta hopes the new funding will encourage them to stay in Nova Scotia, or at least Canada. He said it will also help in less obvious ways.

"I had a young woman say to me that when she went to do an internship she had to buy different clothes," he said. "So students have extra costs when they do these internships. It helps compensate them for that."

Education Minister Marilyn More said the funding would also help businesses.

"It's going to allow them to access the skills and knowledge and expertise of graduate students and post-doc students," More said.

# Shelter's crisis: Get funding or cut service

**HOUSING** A women's shelter in Sydney could be on the brink of cutting services if a provincial funding freeze in effect since the mid-1990s isn't lifted when the NDP government delivers its first budget next month.

Bea LeBlanc, executive director of Cape Breton Transition House, said she's afraid that if funding isn't forthcoming soon, cuts will be made to stay out of a

deficit position.

"We'll have no choice but to cut something and that's usually either outreach or child care because you can't cut the crisis (centre)," LeBlanc said.

Bryony House, a transition house in Halifax, was forced to lay off its only outreach worker Tuesday.

According to a blog posting by Lori Walton of the Friends of Transition Hous-

es Network, the elimination of the position, which had been in place for more than two decades, will "create a void in the services provided to women and children fleeing domestic abuse."

She said Bryony House is asking the province to pay the shelter's \$120,000 deficit and reinstate the outreach worker.

CAPE BRETON POST

# Fishermen fund kids' hospital

**CASH** The IWK Health Centre in Halifax received a financial boost this week from Northumberland Strait fishermen.

Members of the local Maritime Fishermen's Union presented a \$2,000 cheque to representatives of the IWK Children's Hospital Foundation in New Glasgow. It represents proceeds from a herring overage during the summer herring fishery held in July.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

# Male, 13, injured in 4-wheeler, truck collision

**ATV** A 13-year-old male passenger on a four-wheeler suffered minor injuries after the ATV ran into the side of a truck Wednesday in Well-

ington, say East Prince RCMP.

The accident occurred at approximately 7 p.m. on Sunset Drive in Wellington.

The young passenger was

transported to Prince County Hospital where he was treated and subsequently released.

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## Doer announces resignation

Gary Doer announced his resignation as Manitoba premier yesterday only hours before Prime Minister Stephen Harper unveiled a list of new appointees to the Senate. Doer, stepping down after 10 years in Manitoba's top political job, had to reassure his audience that he was not quitting to take up a new job as a senator. But rumours persist that Doer, 62, might end up as Canada's next ambassador to the United States, replacing Michael Wilson. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Facebook agrees to changes

**PRIVACY** Facebook agreed on Thursday to give its worldwide users better protection over their personal information as the result of negotiations with Canada's privacy commissioner.

The changes will give users of the social networking website more transparency and control over the information they provide to third-party de-

velopers of applications such as games and quizzes, Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart announced.

As well, Facebook will make it clear that users can delete their accounts, not just deactivate them, if they do not want their information kept indefinitely.

And information about nonusers will be better protected. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**COURTS** The wife of a Canadian man shot to death in Thailand, her lover and a hit man have been sentenced to life in prison, CBC News Online reports. Dale Henry, 48, was shot in the head while sleeping in his own bed at his home in Ranong province, Thailand on Feb. 3, 2008.

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**PRODUCTS** The greatest threat to come from Canada is not

food-borne bacteria but cucumbers and penile enlargement kits. Those two items top the list of Canadian imports the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has refused at the border over the past two years, according to an online database containing more than 1,100 import alerts for everything from baby shampoo to borscht.

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## Harper names new senators

Political opponents cry hypocrisy as nine appointed, including hockey star

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper was labelled Canada's political "patronage king" and a "hypocrite" yesterday after tossing aside his oft-repeated promise not to name unelected Canadians to the Senate.**

Harper named nine new senators, including Doug Finley (Ontario) his campaign chair, Carolyn Stewart-Olsen (New Brunswick), his long-time communications assistant, and Conservative Party of Canada president Don Plett (Manitoba).

"He is not only a complete hypocrite, he is now officially the Senate patronage king," Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh (Vancouver South) said.

"He is unequalled in



Prime Minister Stephen Harper shakes hands with one of nine newly appointed senators, hockey coach Jacques Demers.

Canadian history as the only prime minister to have made 27 senate appointments in a single year and he beat (Progressive Conservative prime minister) Robert Borden who made 26 (in 1917)," he said.

Harper appointed 18

senators in December, including CTV's Mike Duffy, as he attempts to outnumber the Liberal-dominated Red Chamber. Senators are paid \$132,000 a year plus benefits and are not required to retire until they turn 75. Critics call it cash

## Among named

• Linda Frum, (Ontario), is a Toronto journalist. Then with Maclean's, she got the first interview with Harper after he became prime minister in 2006.

for life.

"He has declared to the Canadian public that he would not name unelected people to the Senate," NDP Leader Jack Layton said of Harper.

The surprise appointment was professional hockey coach Jacques Demers, who admitted in his 2005 biography that he can sign his name, but can't read most sentences.

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The U.S. military wants to speed production of 10 to 12 huge bunker buster bombs, the Air Force said Thursday, amid concerns over suspected underground nuclear sites in Iran and North Korea. **REUTERS**

# World



## Picasso's Naked Woman recovered

A painting believed to be *The Naked Woman* by Pablo Picasso is seen after special forces recovered the stolen work in a raid in Hillah, south of Baghdad Wednesday. Iraqi police have recovered what they say is a Picasso painting looted from Kuwait during Iraq's occupation of the country in 1990. **REUTERS**

## CDC turns to social sites for flu

**H1N1** U.S. health authorities are turning to social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter in a bid to prepare people to be vaccinated against the influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

The U.S. government hopes to target around 50 per cent of the population for vaccination, focusing on key groups including pregnant women and health care workers. The Centers for Disease Control Facebook page, which has more than 20,000 fans, includes information on how to prepare for swine flu and a lively discussion in its comments section.

**REUTERS**

## CIA used Canadian book for reference

**INTERROGATIONS** A Canadian government survival manual was used by U.S. interrogators to set limits on dousing detainees with cold water, according to documents. CIA documents indicate the Canadian manual was used to fine-tune interrogation techniques. The 2005 CIA document refers to the Transport Canada publication to set limits on cold water exposure.

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# Kidnapped girl turns up 18 years later

**A California girl abducted at age 11 in 1991 has been found alive, police said on Thursday, adding her kidnapper apparently fathered two children with her and kept all three living in tents and sheds behind his house.**

Jaycee Dugard had been missing since she was abducted near her home in South Lake Tahoe, east of San Francisco, on June 10, 1991, by two people in a grey car.

"It's a pretty spectacular story just to find someone like that. Someone we assumed was dead," said Bill Clark, the chief assistant district attorney for El Dorado County, an area east of Sacramento.

Dugard's alleged kidnapper, Phillip Craig Garrido, 58, a registered sex offender in California who served

## Parents' reaction

• Carl Probyn, the girl's stepfather, told television that "we both cried for about 10 minutes" after he and her mother were alerted by authorities that she had been found alive.

time in prison for rape and kidnapping, and Nancy Garrido, 54, were in custody after being arrested on Wednesday, police said.

Dugard was healthy, El Dorado Undersheriff Fred Kollar said, but "living in a backyard the last 18 years must take its toll," he added.

"None of the children had ever been to school, none had been to a doctor, they were kept in complete isolation in this compound, if you will, at the house," Kollar said.

lar said.

Suspicions were first raised after Garrido tried to enter the University of California at Berkeley campus to pass out leaflets with his two daughters.

His interaction with the two female minors, aged 11 and 15, raised suspicion and a police officer looked into his background.

The next day, during a visit with his parole officer, Garrido brought his wife, the two minors and a female named Allissa — who later proved to be Dugard — whom the officer had never seen before.

The district attorney's office said it would file charges by today.

Dugard was walking to a bus stop near her home in 1991 when the car pulled up next to her and she was yanked inside. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**NO MOON ROCK** A Dutch museum said Thursday that one of its prized possessions, a rock supposedly brought back

from the moon by U.S. astronauts, is just a piece of petrified wood. A Rijksmuseum spokesperson said the muse-

um will keep the object on display anyway as a curiosity, considering the story behind it. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Ted Kennedy's daughter Kara is hugged by a family member as she stands with brothers Patrick, left, and Edward Jr., second from right, as the body of Kennedy leaves the family compound in Massachusetts Thursday.

## Kennedy's death leaves questions in U.S. finance, health-care reform

**POLITICS** The death of U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy clouds the outlook for overhauling U.S. financial regulation, with all eyes now on Senator Christopher Dodd.

The next move of the Connecticut Democrat, a close friend of his late Massachusetts colleague, will go a long way toward determining the scope and scale of financial reform. The Obama administration and congressional Democrats, including Dodd, want to tighten regulation of banks and capital markets in response to the worst financial crisis in decades.

As chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Dodd has a central role to play in financial reform, but some

analysts and lobbyists question whether he will play it in the end.

Now that Kennedy has died, Dodd could take over as chairman of the Senate health committee, which is handling the heated debate over health-care reform, a cause dear to his old friend.

If Dodd assumes the health panel chairmanship, as some lobbyists and analysts expect, he would leave behind a complicated succession problem in the banking committee.

Unravelling it would likely mean significant delays in considering the Obama administration's proposals to tighten financial oversight, say lobbyists, who asked not to be named. **REUTERS**

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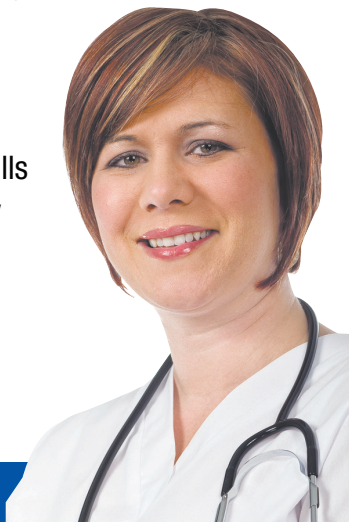
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For women, feelings of hopelessness are not just unfortunate, they are a stroke risk, U.S. researchers said on Thursday. They said otherwise healthy women who are chronically hopeless are more likely to have a buildup of plaque in their neck arteries that can trigger a stroke. **REUTERS**

## Court rejects fine, ban on pitchman

**TV** A federal appeals court has thrown out a \$37.6-million fine and three-year infomercial ban against Kevin Trudeau, who has long battled regulators over his marketing of "cures" for obesity, disease and financial woe.

Thursday's ruling by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago sends back to a lower court a case accusing the TV pitcher of misleading marketing that violated his 2004 settlement with the Federal Trade Commission.

FTC spokesman Peter Kaplan had no immediate comment. A lawyer for Trudeau did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

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## Peru **Reburying massacre victims**



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People carry the coffins of relatives who were killed in a massacre executed by the army in the southern Peru village of Putis in 1984, during a funeral ceremony on Thursday at Ayacucho city. The remains of 92 people found in the biggest known mass grave in Peru are being delivered to their families and will return to Putis for burial on Saturday. Villagers in Putis who survived the 1984 massacre say they were lured to a rocky pit by the army to help build a fishpond.

## News in brief

**CIA PROBE** The U.S. prosecutor's investigation into alleged criminal CIA interrogation techniques must go right to the top political level, the chief UN rights official said on Thursday.

**TRAIN** An express train collided with a construction vehicle during a journey from Ankara to Istanbul on Thursday, derailing several carriages and killing five people, Turkish media reported.

**ATTACK** A suicide bomber killed 22 Pakistani border guards on Thursday in an attack at the main crossing point into Afghanistan, government officials said.

**REUTERS**

# U.S. military on defensive

Denies grading of reporters

**The U.S. military in Afghanistan defended itself Thursday against accusations that a company it employs was rating the work of reporters and suggesting ways to make their war coverage more positive.**

Stars and Stripes, a newspaper for U.S. troops, said it had obtained documents prepared for the U.S. military by the Rendon Group, a Washington-based communications firm that graded journalists' work as "positive," "neutral" or "negative."

The newspaper, partly funded by the Pentagon but editorially independent, said the journalists' profiles included suggestions on how to "neutralize" negative stories and generate favourable coverage.

It published a pie chart which it said came from a Rendon report on the coverage of a reporter for an unidentified major U.S.

## Reaction

- The Stars and Stripes report, published Wednesday, sparked condemnation from organizations representing U.S. and international journalists.

newspaper until mid-May, judging it to be 83.33 per cent neutral and 16.67 per cent negative with respect to the military's goals.

The U.S. military command in Afghanistan said the Rendon Group provided a range of services including analysis of news coverage — but it did not grade journalists.

"I've been here since June and we have never used any product from Rendon to rate specific journalists or to try and influence their reporting," said Rear Admiral Gregory Smith, director of communications for U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

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## Comment

# Visa vigilance needed

High levels of fraud and misrepresentation prevalent



**Martin Collacott**

The federal government is quite rightly investigating the case of Suaad Hagi Mohamud and why the visa section of our high commission in Nairobi initially agreed with the local authorities that she was not the rightful bearer of the passport she used when attempting to leave Kenya in May.

For those who think this action may be symptomatic of a general disposition on the part of our high commission to be overly suspicious or indifferent towards our citizens who happen to come from the region, Canadians should be aware, however, of the very high levels of misrepresentation, including identity fraud, that Cana-

an visa offices have to contend with on a daily basis. This problem is by no means confined to posts in Africa, nor is it a recent phenomenon. In the 1950s, for example, it was discovered that a large proportion of immigrants who had recently arrived from Hong Kong had done so fraudulently. The problem was so massive that Ottawa decided it was not practical to try to send them all back and eventually regularized the status of the more than 11,000 people.

This problem, moreover, has not gone away. In 2002, the immigration office in Hong Kong reported half of the 33,000 immigration cases awaiting processing involved misleading or fraudulent information. In the case of applications from China, our largest source of immigration, ac-



**Suaad Hagi Mohamud**

cess to information requests in recent years have revealed, for example, that 57 per cent of student visa applications from Fujian Province in China were submitted with fraudulent documents while a sampling of business immigration applications from that country found that only 35 per cent were bona fide.

In the case of our second largest source country, India, although the rejection rate for applications at our largest visa office, Delhi, is only 19 per cent, in Chandigarh in the Punjab, most had to be turned down due to fraudulent documents or other forms of misrepresentation.

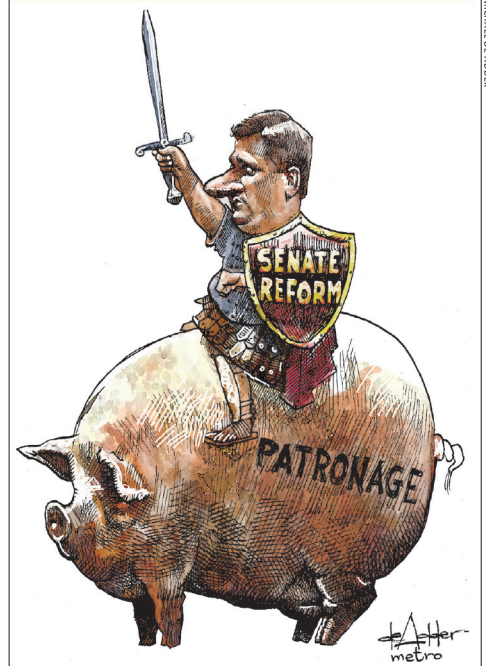
At some of our posts, such as those in the former Soviet Union, fraudulent applications have also frequently involved attempts

by criminal elements to enter Canada.

At our office in Nairobi, fraud, and particularly identity fraud, is a major problem. This takes a number of forms, including claims that children being brought into Canada are one's own offspring when, in fact, they are someone else's. In such cases, DNA testing often becomes necessary — which is expensive and time consuming.

While Mohamud's case should be carefully examined to find out what went wrong and how it can be avoided in the future, Canadians should be under no illusions regarding the high levels of fraud that many of our visa offices have to deal with on a regular basis and the difficulty this poses in terms of making fair and timely decisions.

Martin Collacott is a former Canadian ambassador in Asia and the Middle East.



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## Worth mentioning

# Japanese police aim to rehab elderly shoplifters

Tokyo police will try to rein in a wave of shoplifting by lonely elderly people by involving them in community service, a police spokesman said Thursday.

One out of four elderly shoplifters in the capital blamed their crime on loneliness, Japanese media quoted a police survey as saying. Another eight per cent said it was because they had "no reason to live."

More than half the elderly shoplifters said they had no friends and 40 per cent of them lived alone, media said. "Making shoplifters do volunteer work in the community is effective," the Tokyo Shimbun quoted J.F. Oberlin University Prof. Akihiro Sakai, head

of a police research panel set up to tackle shoplifting, as saying.

"Instead of increased punishment, I hope we can rehabilitate shoplifters with special care."

A police spokesman declined to confirm the details of the survey but said it would be released to the public soon.

An example cited in the Ministry of Justice's annual report on crime describes a 76-year-old woman who turned to shoplifting several years ago as a way to battle loneliness after her parents died.

More than 20 per cent of Japan's population is 65 or older, with that figure set to double by 2050.

REUTERS

## Views

# Donald Marshall statue more deserving



**Jon Tattrie**

Edward Cornwallis paid people to murder children. Seriously.

If you killed a Mi'kmaq child, cut off his or her scalp and brought it to Cornwallis, he'd hand you cash. Women were also worth a few bucks — and men, too. What did he do with all the scalps people brought him? I have no idea.

Maybe you're struggling to put a face to the name. No problem. Stop by the train/bus station in downtown Halifax, or glance up as you pedal to the south-end Superstore. There's a lovely statue of Cornwallis

in a pretty park named for him. It even has a helpful plaque, telling you Cornwallis founded Halifax in 1749. No mention of this kid-killing thing. Fair enough — it would be a bit embarrassing if all those wandering cruise-ship tourists noticed we had a big statue for the governor who issued the notorious "scalping proclamation" in 1749.

Mi'kmaq historian and Spryfield resident Daniel Paul has an interesting idea. He says we should take down Cornwallis' statue and replace it with one of Donald Marshall Jr. Before his untimely death at 55 a few weeks ago, Marshall won two landmark legal cases: One that shone a light on the systemic racism in Nova Scotian

courts and the other a famous victory upholding Mi'kmaq treaty rights.

The first cost him 11 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit.

Paul, the author of *We Were Not the Savages*, thinks it would be a fitting tribute and would show Nova Scotia was moving beyond systemic racism. He told me people say the whole scalping thing was such a long time ago, why the big fuss? If it's such a small deal, he wondered, why not take the statue down?

The usual defence for Cornwallis is it was war. There was the Dartmouth incident: Allegedly, a group of Mi'kmaq men murdered a group of unarmed white men, prompting governor Cornwallis to

start paying people to murder any Mi'kmaq person they could find. Let's say this happened. Does that mean you can murder any Mi'kmaq person?

Remember those Canadian soldiers who tortured and killed Shidane Abukar Arone in Somalia in 1993? Want to put up a statue honouring them? How about if, after another IED attack killed a Canadian soldier, a Canadian general offered cash for the heads of all Pashtun men, women and children.

Statue? No?

So let's get rid of Edward's statue.

I'd much rather stand with Marshall.

Jon Tattrie is a freelance journalist and the author of *Black Snow*, a novel about the Halifax Explosion.

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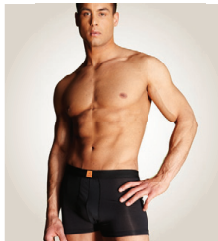
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## Fear of web worm grows

In the shadowy world of computer viruses, the potential for Armageddon — or its digital equivalent — seemingly lurks around every corner. Such is the challenge faced by computer security experts every day.

Many are easily stopped, but others appear to defy every effort at eradication. Those include a particularly

**"It's a sleeping army. It just lies and waits there for instructions."**

Graham Cluley, technology consultant

savvy program called Conficker, which attacks computers running Microsoft Windows software and recruits them into a vast army of similarly compromised machines known as a botnet.

The worm is conservatively estimated to have infected at least three million computers around the world, although most have no idea their machines have been co-opted.

The concern is that the

program's creators will remotely use the botnet's collective computing powers for some sinister purpose.

"Like many of these botnets, it's a sleeping army," said Graham Cluley, a senior technology consultant with antivirus firm Sophos Plc. "It just lies and waits there for instructions. But so far there are no instructions."

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## Clean energy revolution needed, study says

**CLIMATE** Research into clean energy technology should get a leading role in new UN climate pact ahead of ever tougher curbs on greenhouse gas emissions, a study said on Friday.

"We need to start talking a lot more about the technological revolution," said Bjorn Lomborg, a Danish

statistician and author of The Skeptical Environmentalist who commissioned the report to give alternative ideas for a new UN climate treaty.

Stressing deep cuts in carbon emissions before technologies were ready was a "doomed approach," according to the study led by

Chris Green, a specialist in environmental economics at McGill University.

The report said that a new UN climate treaty due to be agreed in Copenhagen in December risked putting emphasis on "how much to do in the next period, rather than how to do it."

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**11** The report estimated that investments of \$100 billion a year in research into new technologies could avoid \$11 of damage from climate change for every dollar spent.

## Stanford Guilty plea in fraud case



Stanford Financial Group's former chief investment officer James Davis leaves federal court on Thursday. Davis pleaded guilty on Thursday to charges stemming from an alleged \$7-billion fraud. He faces a maximum of 30 years in prison on the conspiracy, fraud and obstruction charges.

## Housing prices might go up

**REAL ESTATE** If you were expecting home prices to tumble this year, you weren't alone. But strong sales have meant that analysts have been struggling to figure out the direction of a market that has defied expectations and the gravitational pull of a global recession.

In an abrupt reversal yesterday, the Canadian Real Estate Association now says existing new home prices across Canada are forecast to increase — not decrease — by the end of the year.

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### Business in brief

**FINANCE** Second-largest U.S. cable operator Time Warner Cable Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc. said Thursday they have joined a trial with major media companies to offer television shows on the Web to paying subscribers.

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The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League is holding its annual general assembly of teams and the board of governors this weekend in Baie-Comeau, Que. The student-athlete bursary program and rule amendments are on the docket. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Sports



## Former Huskie must win job

Former Saint Mary's Huskies star Erik Glavic is not a lock to claim the starting quarterback job with the Calgary Dinos. Glavic will have to beat out fifth-year starter Deke Junior, who was second in Canada West with 1,584 yards and seven touchdowns last season. Camp opened last week.

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## Oxner still in running at N.S. Open

**TENNIS** Andrew Oxner will vie for his ninth career Nova Scotia Open men's open tennis title on the weekend.

The second-ranked veteran faces two-time champion Andrew Ling in a battle of two longtime Halifax standouts in semifinals on Friday at the



Andrew Oxner

Waegwoltz Club. Oxner is chasing his first title since 2003. Ling won the event in 2006.

Oxner and Ling are scheduled to meet at 11:45 a.m. No. 1 Shaun Khambra of Edmonton faces fourth-seeded Travis McDonough of Halifax in the other semifinal at 1:45 p.m.

Top-ranked Amy Sherlock faces Michelle Karis in one women's semifinal at 11:45 a.m., while No. 2 Marijke Nel plays Farina Rafiq in the other at 1:45 p.m.

Incorrect information on the women's open tournament appeared in Thursday's edition of Metro.

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## Herd cull ranks to 39

**QMJHL** The Halifax Mooseheads' pre-season roster is down to 39 players heading into a pair of weekend games.

The Mooseheads cut 19-year-old goaltender Justin Collier on Thursday, while tryouts Maxime Belanger and Jonathan Clarke left the team.

At least 15 more cuts are expected to be made by the time the team opens the regular season on Sept. 11.

It's a home-and-home set for the Mooseheads this weekend with a visit to the Moncton Wildcats on Friday at 7 p.m. and a rematch on Saturday at the Forum at the same time.

The Mooseheads are 1-1 so far in the pre-season.

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Halifax's Geoff Harris, right, pumps his fist to celebrate his gold-medal win in the men's 800 metres at the Canada Games in Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Thursday.

## Medals piling up

Big day at Games brings N.S. closer to record

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**Nova Scotia is pushing for its best medal total in history at the Canada Games in Prince Edward Island.**

The province piled up 13 medals on Thursday, bumping its total to 34 heading into the final weekend. That puts Nova Scotia in fifth in the medal standings and leaves it 13 away from its 47-medal record from 2001 in London, Ont.

Halifax track star Geoff Harris was among seven gold-medal winners, finishing first in the 800 metres.

"It's great for Nova Scotia," Harris said, of the podium success. "It's all about finishing strong and most of the (athletes and coaches) are hoping to go out with a bang."

Harris was originally ruled ineligible for the Games because he missed a set of selection trials while training in Europe. He was only cleared to compete last Thursday after the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia overturned the decision. He took the lead in the final 200 metres and won in 1:50.59.

### Other N.S. medallists

#### GOLD

• Sydney's Geoff Myatt (athletics, men's discus)

#### SILVER

• Fall River's Michelle Russell won silver in the women's K-1 2,000, her second medal of the weekend

#### BRONZE

• Bridgewater's Jenna Martin (athletics, women's 200 metres)

• Aylesford's Trevor Chandler (athletics, men's 200 metres Special Olympics)

• New Glasgow's Celia Peters (athletics, women's 800 metres)

• Bridgewater's Mattias Wolter (athletics, men's 3,000-metre steeplechase)

• Dartmouth's Laura Maessen (athletics, high jump)

"It went exactly how I hoped it would," Harris said.

Track and field athletes won two gold and five bronze yesterday. The paddling parade to the podium also continued, with canoe-kayak athletes winning five gold and one silver.

Waverley's Shaun Fair (K-1 2,000 metres) and Dartmouth's Mark James (C-1 2,000) struck solo gold.

Waverley's Nicole Brown and Kentville's Alexa Irvin won gold in the women's K-2 2,000 and Halifax's Andrew Jessop and Dartmouth's Adam Tenwolde did the same in the K-2 2,000. In the men's C-2 2,000, it was Fall River's Todd MacDonald and Dart-

mouth's Brian Stever finishing first.

Paddlers have 16 medals overall and Wednesday's cancelled day of racing because of wind didn't derail them.

"There's nothing that can slow down our team," Fair said.

There are 18 more canoe-kayak finals on Friday.

Harris, who competed at the 2005 Games in Regina, said the closeness of the venues has helped camaraderie and is pushing the athletes to greater levels of success.

"It's been a lot easier for us to all go support each other," Harris said. "As a group, Nova Scotia has kept it close and the support is way stronger than it was in 2005."

## Fewer uncertainties dog Huskies this year

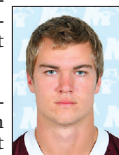
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The Saint Mary's Huskies are set to hit the field with a much more settled outlook than they had a year ago.

When the two-time defending Atlantic University Sport football champions open training camp on Saturday at Huskies Stadium, the will-he-or-won't-he saga of national player of the year Erik Glavic will officially be in the past.

Glavic, who has since transferred to Blake Nill's Calgary Dinos, spent last season trying to recover from a torn anterior cruciate ligament. He only played one quarter but his potential return cast a cloud of uncertainty over the team.

"Since all those things were put to rest, it's really put a calmness over the team," said Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah. "The team seems very settled in the direction it's going and



Jack Creighton

they're all excited about the direction it's going.

"Yeah, I think they're ready to roll."

The Huskies went 7-1 last season but — with rookie quarterback Jack Creighton thrust into the starting role — lost in the national semifinals to the Western Ontario Mustangs.

Creighton is back and the Huskies aim to find more balance with him at the helm. Their rushing attack put up almost 280 yards per game and was No. 1 in the nation by far and has added highly-touted rookie back Tristan Jones.

Receiver Carl Hardwick and slotback Jameek Murray should figure prominently into the passing attack.

Glavic is the most prominent loss, but a handful of AUS all-stars have also moved on. Those include defensive backs Jeff Zelinski and Joel Lipinski and offensive linemen Bryan Jordan and Thomas Elinesky. In all, roughly 35 newcomers will be featured on the roster of more than 80 players.

The Huskies open the season on the road on Saturday, Sept. 12 against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

## Dry vet named MVP

Dartmouth Moosehead Dry's Greg West has been named the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League's MVP.

The 36-year-old veteran first baseman/leftfielder captured his first batting title with a .451 average and a league-best 41 hits. He also finished fourth with 25 runs, fifth with 18 RBI and tied for second with four home runs.

West was also named a first-team NSSBL all-star, one of six Dartmouth representatives on the squad.

Joel Irvine (third base), Chris Head (outfield), Dar-

ren Doucette (designated hitter), Matt McDonald (right-handed pitcher) and Randy Stewart (catcher) also cracked the squad.

The Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians placed three players on the team with Adam Lucas (second base), Ryan Veinot (shortstop) and Barrett Bellefontaine (left-handed pitcher).

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Greg West

### Sports in brief

**BASEBALL** The Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians opened the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League best-of-seven semifinals with a 7-3 win over the Truro Bearcats last night at Mainland Common. Barrett

Bellefontaine pitched a complete-game six-hitter. At Beazley Field, Dartmouth Moosehead Dry beat the Kentville Wildcats in the other semifinal opener.

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Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane and his cousin James Kane pleaded guilty Thursday to a non-criminal charge of disorderly conduct and were ordered to send an apology to the Buffalo cab driver they were accused of roughing up over 20 cents. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Sports in brief

**NFL** Michael Vick made his long-awaited debut with the Philadelphia Eagles Thursday, appearing in several different roles in the first half of the team's third preseason game against Jacksonville. Entering the game on the first series to applause from the Philadelphia fans Vick played quarterback, wide receiver and ran the Wildcat formation.

**TENNIS** Roger Federer would like to repay New York fans for their support by treating them to a sixth successive U.S. Open triumph at the year's last grand

slam beginning on Monday. Federer is one step away from matching the feat accomplished by Bill Tilden, who won six in a row starting in 1920.

**GOLF** Sergio Garcia of Spain fired a six-under-par 65 to tie Americans Paul Goydos and Steve Marino for the first-round lead in the Barclays Classic at Liberty National on Thursday with Tiger Woods five shots back. Calgary's Stephen Ames shot a 1-under 70, while Bright's Grove, Ont., native Mike Weir shot 71.

**METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Staal tales from camp

Trio of brothers in hunt to make Canada's Olympic hockey team

LAURENCE HEINEN  
for Metro Canada



**As one of three alternate players, Eric Staal could only watch on as Canada struggled to a seventh-place showing in the men's hockey competition at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy.**

Fast forward four years and Staal has a great shot to earn a regular spot on Team Canada for the 2010 Winter Olympics next February in Vancouver.

"Words can't describe what that would feel like," said the 24-year-old Carolina Hurricanes forward.

Eric's younger brothers Marc, 22, and Jordan, 20,

also took part in the National Men's Team orientation camp this past week in Calgary.

"It would be pretty amazing and something special," said the eldest Staal brother of the chance for all three of the Thunder Bay, Ont. siblings to make the team. "They're very good players. They've got a chance just like anybody else here of cracking the lineup."

With 16 defencemen at the camp, Marc will be in tough to earn one of seven spots for blue-liners on the squad.

"I know I have to be doing something right to get on the list," said the New York Rangers rearguard, who stands 6-foot-4 and weighs 220 pounds just like

Eric. "It's pretty cool to be a part of it, but at the same time, I'm coming into camp confident and not just ready to be there, but trying to make an impression."

After hoisting the Stanley Cup as a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Jordan also got the call from Team Canada executive director Steve Yzerman to suit up at the orientation camp.

"I don't think anyone in our family really realized how far we've taken this, and it's really surreal, but at the same time we know we're good enough players to be here and we're good enough players to play on this team," said Jordan, who's the same height as his brothers, but outweighs them by 15 pounds.

## Toronto: World-class sports city?

Field of Play

Scott Russell



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The time is at hand for Toronto. This weekend the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO), and its evaluation committee come calling to see if the city and the Greater Golden Horseshoe have what it takes to host the 2015 Pan Am Games.

What will they see?

They will surely witness a vibrant, multicultural, population in the hub of the bid community and be impressed by a sophisticated and ambitious urban giant with the corporate support as well as infrastructure to make the Games a reality.

There is no question that Toronto is Canada's premier, professional sports city. When it comes to hockey, football, baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, tennis, auto racing and golf, Toronto's got it all. And with its desire to attract an NFL franchise, it's got a voracious appetite for North American pro sport.

It should be a slam-dunk. Surely Toronto and its surrounding municipalities are more impressive than bid rivals in Columbia and Peru. But there is one outstanding weakness, one smoldering fire that the Big Smoke must extinguish in order to prove it really wants to be a major interna-

tional city of sport.

Toronto has a less-than-glorious track record when it comes to hosting Olympic-style events.

The last time was the ill-fated 1993 World Indoor Track and Field Championships at Skydome. Canadian Bruny Surin won the sprint title, but attendance was abysmal. Aside from soccer's FIFA U-20, which saw Toronto as one of six venues across the country, there's been precious little else. This may have been a factor in the failed efforts to land the Olympics in 1996 and again in 2008.

Meantime, Hamilton has hosted the World Cycling Championships; Edmonton, the World Track and

Field Championships; Montreal, the World Aquatics Championships; Vancouver, the World Triathlon Championships; Quebec City and Halifax shared the World Hockey Championships; and Calgary has hosted the World Figure Skating Championships.

With the Pan Am decision looming, Toronto can no longer remain aloof.

To be successful in its quest to host the Pan Am Games and eventually an Olympics, Canada's biggest community must convince its doubters that it not only has the ambition to be a "world class" sports city, but also that it has the will to make it happen.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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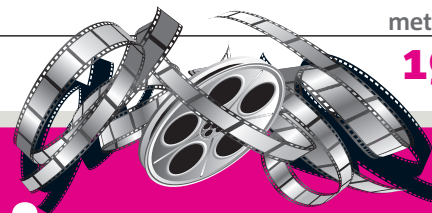
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Former child-actor Jason Bateman, known for his supporting character roles, proves he can hold his own as leading man in *Extract*. Bateman insists he has found his niche in the new Mike Judge written and directed comedy.

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# Bateman brings on the bore

Extract star makes career out of plain characters

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



**Jason Bateman likes to spread the wealth and it's beginning to pay off.**

Not only has the affable actor made a career out of handing over the spotlight to his co-stars but at 40 years old, the former child-actor's generosity may finally be paving the way to the A-list.

Of course, Bateman has had a string of success (Hancock, Juno) but it's always been as a supporting player. Now, with the release of his first true leading role as the bewildered owner of a flavouring factory in *Extract*, one must stop to ponder — why did it take so long for Jason Bateman to become a marquee movie star?

"I think that people get to be 'big stars' based on the roles that they play," revealed the perpetual straight-man during a recent interview.

"You don't want a bunch of spice all the way through the movie; you need somebody, something down the middle and

## Movie feature

somewhat boring and plain like characters that I enjoy playing."

He modestly insists it's a simple case of finding your niche that has more to do with his success than luck. And as for *Extract*, Bateman has definitely found his niche. Written and directed by Mike Judge (TV's *King of the Hill*), Bateman hilariously plays straight man to a string of odd-but-authentic blue-collar characters.

"For me, Mike Judge represents a certain tone and flavour of comedy that's not right in your face," said Bateman of his comfort in the movie. "What he writes are character comedies as opposed to joke comedies or broad, big comedic set-piece comedies ... his laughs are very well earned."

While audiences will



Jason Bateman and Kristen Wiig turn up their comic flair in *Extract*.

Extract hits theatres next Friday

have to wait until next Friday to see *Extract*, Bateman will soon be a cinematic staple with no less than three films hitting theatres over the next few months. One of them — *Up in the Air* — reunited

him with Canadian director Jason Reitman (*Juno*).

"(Reitman) showed it to me the other day and it's really, really good," said Bateman of the comedy which debuts at this year's Toronto International Film Festival.

val. "He's an incredible talent you guys have spawned and I think it's going to be quite the victory tour for him up there again."

There Jason Bateman goes again — spreading the wealth.

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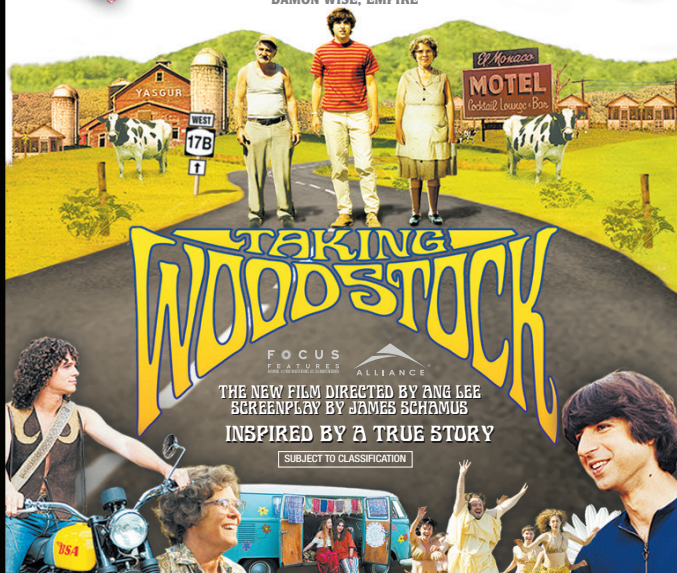
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# What a long, strange trip it's been

### InFocus

**Richard Crouse**

[metronews.ca/infocus](http://metronews.ca/infocus)

The video store isn't just a place to rent the latest DVDs. Hidden among the shelves are dozens of time capsules from another age.

Want to know what made Americans laugh in the 1920s? Rent The Gold Rush. How about a look at life in postwar Italy? Check out Open City. These shelves offer row upon row of living history; moving images that bring history to life.

Perhaps no decade has been as documented on film as the 1960s. From failed attempts to present the counter culture (Skidoo and Valley of the Dolls) to

more zeitgeist grabbing entries (Woodstock and Zabriskie Point) and newer films that try to capture the spirit of the make-love-not-war decade (this weekend's Taking Woodstock) the films of and about the '60s paint a portrait of a decade of change.

Jack Nicholson claims to have watched Head, a psychedelic movie he helped write and produce, and starring The Monkees, "Like, 158 times." Seen through modern eyes it's hard to imagine multiple viewings of this strange movie, but there is a certain crazy charm to it.

More a stream-of-consciousness rant than an actual movie, Head is jammed full of musical numbers, film satires and references to '60s hot button topics like Vietnam and eastern religions.

As a movie it's kind of a frustrating experience — Wikipedia says "even fans tend to disagree whether



Head, starring The Monkees, and The Trip offer glimpses of the wild life of the 1960s.

the film is a landmark of innovative filmmaking or simply a fascinating mess" — but it does capture the anarchic spirit of its time.

Jack Nicholson contributed to many counter

culture films, most notably Easy Rider, but his script for the The Trip is a little known gem of druggie propaganda. Directed by Roger Corman (who dropped acid along with stars

Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda to prepare for filming) it's a snapshot of the frontier of the drug culture of the 1960s.

Fonda stars as a bored television director who drops



"Jack Nicholson claims to have watched Head, a psychedelic movie he helped write and produce, and starring The Monkees, 'Like, 158 times.'"

acid and spends the balance of the movie hallucinating. An orange becomes "the sun in my hands, man!" before the trip turns sour and he is threatened by a chair. It's a madcap film featuring a strange sex scene with optical effects projected onto writhing bodies and loads of "groovy" dialogue.

If you weren't there, or were there and can't remember, these films offer a glimpse into the wild world of the 1960s.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; [mrcrouse33@hotmail.com](mailto:mrcrouse33@hotmail.com).

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**Jolie Wanted alive**

Angelina Jolie is to be brought back from the dead. Producers are so desperate for the actress to reprise her Wanted role that they are coming up with storylines to bring her back — despite the character dying in the first movie. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

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# How to die in 3-D

The Final Destination latest in gory series

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Metro World News



**The folks behind the Final Destination films spend a lot of time thinking about death, and they're the first to admit that it can take its toll.**

"We've been very creative in creating new ways to die, which is kind of sick," says director David R. Ellis, who returns to the franchise after sitting out the third instalment.

"There are a lot of twisted people on this film. It was a battle to see who could be more twisted."

If he sounds conflicted

about his work, there's a reason. Even with Snakes on a Plane on his resume, as a director Ellis wasn't immediately drawn to the scary movie genre.

"I wasn't a big horror film fan when I was asked to do Final Destination 2. And I'm not sure that I'm proud of myself that I've gotten so into it," he says.

One thing he is proud of is the fact that the fourth film has something the others didn't. In

**The Final Destination opens today**

the latest chapter — the "the" in the title is supposed to suggest this will be the last, according to producers — viewers get a new element: Goopy, gory mayhem in full-on 3-D.

"It's going to be the future of a lot of films, but I

don't think it's going to replace 2-D," Ellis says.

"I don't think people are ready for that. But there will be more and more films that it makes sense to shoot in 3-D."

The director wasn't alone in his hesitation about horror. "I don't do well with blood," admits

Shantel Vansanten, who stars as one of the group of attractive young people spared from a horrific accident because of a friend's premonition — only to have death hunt them down one by one.

"I don't do well with gory films at all. I'd never watched any of them prior

**Movie feature**

to booking the film."

What she got was a crash course. With three films in the series already done, audiences are familiar enough with the formula that the filmmakers didn't need to worry about too much besides creating more intricate and interesting death scenes.

"We skipped all the exposition and just got to what people wanted to see," says Bobby Campo, the film's lead.

And that formula is something that The Final Destination does well, offering a unique experience of pure spectacle that never takes itself too seriously. But, the cast admits it's an awful lot to take in for the average viewer, especially in 3-D.

Co-star Nick Zano says he's worried about taking him mother to the premiere, and not just because of all the blood.

"My mom is hypersensitive. She cries over anything," he says.

"I'm just afraid she'll start crying during my sex scene."



Shantel Vansanten plays a young woman hunted by death in The Final Destination.

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Megan Fox will have to claw her way into another role. The sexy starlet has not been cast as Catwoman by Warner Bros. "It's rumour. It's not true," said a studio rep. "There is no script. There is no project to be cast in." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# No fun in Woodstock

### Taking Woodstock

Director: Ang Lee

Stars: Demetri Martin, Emile Hirsch

Classification: R

Rating: ★★

HEIDI PATALANO  
for Metro Canada

**Taking Woodstock promises to be a comedy. It even has a comedian as its lead-in guy — not even laugh in your head funny.**

We'd prefer to pin most of the blame on the lead, non-actor Demetri Martin, who, no matter how much he self-deprecatingly claims he didn't know what he was doing (and he's not wrong there), makes the whole affair feel like a tepid high school play.

Taking Woodstock depicts the historic three-day concert of 1969 from the point of view of Elliot



Demetri Martin joins the world's greatest party ever in Ang Lee's Taking Woodstock.

Teichberg, a man who helped to bring the festival to the small town where his parents owned a motel.

You'd also expect more from a director like Ang Lee, who does nothing to reinvent any clichés we

might have in mind about far-out hippies and the stodgy, conservative generation before them.

The only breath of fresh air comes from a handful of accomplished actors, such as Liev Schreiber and Paul Dano, who prove

even within their tiny cameo parts that comedy and pathos can be drawn out of the weakest script.

Demetri Martin may be a great comedian, but his acting career should be as short-lived as our amusement with this film.

## Avatar tickets on sale

James Cameron's Avatar won't reach movie theatres for almost four months, but tickets for the much-hyped sci-fi action movie are already on sale.

Touted as a potential watershed release — displaying the creative possibilities of both 3-D cinema and motion-capture production techniques — Avatar is scheduled for a global bow Dec. 18. Cameron's Lightstorm Entertainment is co-producing with distributor 20th Century Fox, which has been stoking exhibitors' appetite for the release through screenings of extended clip reels from the film.

Recently, the studio staged public screenings of a special 16-minute Avatar trailer at 100 IMAX theatres. Now, AMC has decided to sell tickets to the movie's opening-day midnight performances.

Online ticketers MovieTickets.com and Fandango

began ringing up sales for Avatar performances at more than 75 AMC locations, most of them IMAX 3-D venues.

"Tickets being put on sale for a film four months in advance is unheard of," MovieTickets executive vice president Joel Cohen said. "The fact that tickets have already been sold really speaks to the tremendous buzz the film has already created and the power of James Cameron at the box office."

Avatar is Cameron's first dramatic feature since 1997's Titanic, which is still the highest-grossing film of all time.

"Audiences are hungry for fresh fare with original storytelling," Fandango spokesman Harry Medved said. "And with Avatar, you have no idea where the story is going to go."

It was unclear if any other exhibitors will follow AMC's lead in offering early advance ticketing for the film.

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## Music

## Reggae's bright light

Matisyahu creates the most diverse album of his career

BRYAN BORZKOWSKI  
for Metro Canada

When Matisyahu, an orthodox Jew from Brooklyn, became a reggae sensation seemingly overnight, you couldn't help but wonder if this was just a strange gimmick. After all it's not everyday you see a bearded, kippah-wearing father of two jamming out like he's Bob Marley. But, three years after releasing *Youth*, his hit sophomore record, Matthew Paul Miller is still as popular as ever.

That fact that his new album, *Light*, is high on many people's must-have lists is all the more impressive considering he hasn't released a disc since 2006 and didn't tour for chunks of 2008 and 2009.

"The next record I make I'll try to not wait so long before I get started with it," he says on the phone from his home in Brooklyn. "I didn't want to work on the record while I was touring, but I was on the road for a while after the first record came out."

He eventually stopped travelling to work on the disc, then took time to find

Three years after releasing *Youth*, his hit sophomore record, Matisyahu is back with new disc *Light*.

the right promotion team, and just before he was originally scheduled to release the record — in 2008 — he decided to make some changes to his songs.

"It was a learning curve, but I now have the sense of how to get these things done faster," he says.

The final product might surprise some of his die-hard fans — it's a lot less reggae than his previous disc. *We Will Walk* sounds like a U2-meets-Sublime mash-up. *Escape's* verses are straight-up hip-hop,

and *Motivate* has a Linkin Park-esque rock chorus. There are still plenty of the reggae-lite sounds that made him famous, but this is easily Matisyahu's most diverse effort of his career.

There's also a bit of a shift lyrically. The singer doesn't talk as explicitly about Torah or God as he did on the last disc. But that doesn't mean the songs weren't inspired by his religion.

"I'll take an idea from a story or prayer, or a concept from the Hasidic phi-

losophy and find something that really gets me going," he explains. "I'll think about that idea and how it resonates in me and try to write from an intuitive place."

For Matisyahu, just the act of playing and connecting with an audience is spiritual too.

"That's where the real love is happening," he says. "It gives me a certain strength to continue. I feel involved in something that's bigger than I am and I can't stand in the way of it."

## Spaced out with Eddie Vedder

## SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

Eddie Vedder looks awfully relaxed for someone who's just been told that the lead singer of the opening act didn't make it across the border. Instead of making the crowd wait, Pearl Jam has decided to quickly pull together an acoustic set. Pearl Jam will open for themselves tonight.

Up on the second floor of the venue, we can hear songs like *Alive* and *Corduroy* blaring from cars in the parking lot. He pays this no notice. A decade ago, Eddie had a rep as an introverted loner, someone whose relationship with fame was complicated. Today, though, he's

about as outgoing and congenial as a human can be.

"We've been through enough with this band that this could be one of the better times," he says. "It was well earned. And I guess that's why you want to keep it together because this is the good stuff."

I mention that Pearl Jam is one of the few surviving bands from the original Seattle days.

"A lot of the musicians, they still play."



We definitely lost a few. You think, 'Wow, it must be hard to keep a band together.' It hasn't been easy for us. But if it can't be easy to be in a rock band, what's the point of life?"

Due on Sept. 20, the new Pearl Jam album is called *Backspacer*, a word that's been floating around the Pearl Jam world for a while. Fans first heard it when Pearl Jam sponsored a leatherback turtle race. National Geographic tagged a series of turtles with GPS devices to see which one reached their winter homes in the southern Caribbean first. Pearl Jam's turtle smoked 'em all.

So what came first? The album or the turtle?

"The type-writer key," he says, lighting

## More Vedder

• Hear Alan's whole interview with Eddie Vedder at [exploremusic.com](http://exploremusic.com).

up another smoke. "I was doing a bit of sculpture with typewriter keys, making a mosaic. And as I was putting these words together, I realized that I had written 'The Who.' Great! And then I wrote the name of our band and it looked really great. And then I saw a key that said 'backspacer.' And that key must have come off a typewriter from the late '20s."

"We don't have 'backspace' keys anymore," I point out. "We have 'delete' keys."

Eddie laughs. "Yes, but backspace keys mean you have to go back and look at your mistakes."

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**CNN's Cooper pulls no punches on Montag's pageant performance**  
We always knew that Anderson Cooper was a silver fox, but we never knew how sharp his claws were. The CNN anchor tore Heidi Montag's Miss Universe pageant performance to shreds, saying she has found a "fresh new way to embarrass herself." **POPEATER.COM**

## Television



Lauren Collins as Paige and Adamo Ruggiero as Marco in the upcoming Degrassi movie *Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood*.

# Mr. Simpson goes to Hollywood for movie

IAN JOHNSTON  
for Metro Canada

## Silent Bob spoke and Snake got the job.

So says Degrassi High director/producer Stefan Brogren, who claims he was pegged to helm the latest Degrassi TV movie after a recommendation from di-

rector Kevin Smith of Jay and Silent Bob fame.

"We were talking to Kevin about making a guest appearance and he was asked who he might like to work with. And he said why not Brogren?" says Stefan, who is the midst of working on the new season of Degrassi.

"I guess the conversation had happened before. Still, it was a bit daunting."

But not surprising. For Brogren is old school Degrassi. Not only is he instantly recognizable as "Snake" Simpson from the original Degrassi High series (or "Mr. Simpson" as he's known on the current version), he now works behind the camera as episode director and producer.

Still, this movie of the

## "It's more of a Degrassi fairy tale."

Director/actor Stefan Brogren

week is a Degrassi with a difference. It's a two hour movie special, set in Hollywood, with an ambitious plot and plenty of music and celebrity guest stars (including Smith and Jason Mewes as themselves,

Vivica A. Fox, and Perez Hilton). Think Degrassi 90210.

"It's definitely got a bigger scope and a different vibe. It's more a Degrassi fairy tale," says Brogren. "The trick was to go with the different vibe but somehow maintain what makes Degrassi so great."

In the story, the Degrassi kids head on a road trip to Hollywood in pursuit of fame and fortune. There they meet up with Degrassi grad Paige (Lauren Collins), who has just jumped from the role of lowly personal assistant to movie star.

"It's sort of a typical Paige story," says Collins, who spent six years on the show. "She wants to try something new and heads off to L.A. But then she gets into trouble because she lies to everyone at Degrassi about what she's doing."

Collins, who now splits her time between Toronto and Montreal, says the TV movie has generated a lot of interest in the Canadian media — something that hasn't always been the case.

"I think the fact we stepped it up a bit with all the stars and the music and the setting. But in the U.S., we always get a lot of press."

**Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood airs Sunday night on CTV.**

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News Center	ABC News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Supernanny		Ugly Betty (HDTV)		20/20
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Supernanny		Monk		Atlantis
11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy!	Ron James: West Coast Wild		Wild Roses (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	The Insider	Entertainment	NFL Preseason Football New England Patriots at Washington Redskins.				
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS "Tabu"		The Unit		Mental		News Final (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Defying Gravity (N)		Ghost Whisperer		Without a Trace		CTV News
36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?				Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Southland (HDTV PA)		Dateline NBC		
55	55	55	SCOR	(6) HSR		Poker		WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		CFL Pregame	CFL Football Calgary Stampede at Toronto Argonauts. (HDTV) (Live)					
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal		
70	70	70	APTN	APT National News (N)		Tears	Chiefs-Champ	Spirit		Aboriginal Peoples' Choice Music Awards		
37	37	37	BRVO	Wind at My Back		World of M.G. Vassanji		Bravo! Fact		Books-Film		
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Good Morning	Corner Gas		VIP		Com-Presents
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet		Dirty Jobs		Man vs. Wild "Namibia"		Forensic
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	Property	House		Ext Living	Location, Loc.	House
46	46	46	HIST	Legends	Legends	NCIS "Judgment Day"		Jurassic Fight Club		Legends		Ice Road Truck
17	17	17	MM	Love Court (N)	My Date	One Tree Hill		Degrassi: TNG		Degrassi: TNG		
206	206	206	PIX	(6:15) The Chamber (1996, Drama)		(8:20) Net Worth		A Lot Like Love ** (2005)		Insomnia *** (2002, Suspense)		
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits		The Best Years (DVS)		Kenny-Spenny		Trailer Park
40	40	40	SLICE	So Chic	Skin Deep	Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part		Til Debt-Part		Til Debt-Part
21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		Masters of Reception		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear (N)		Making Over
22	22	22	W	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Friends	Medium "And Then"		The Good Witch's Garden (2009, Drama)		
27	27	27	YTV	The Next Star (N)		A Cinderella Story ** (2004, Romance-Comedy)		Prank Patrol		Prank Patrol		Family Biz

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31	31	31	ABC	News Center	ABC News	Legend of the Seeker		Flightplan ** (2005, Suspense)	Jodie Foster.	Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Jimmy Kimmel
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Main in the Mirror: The Michael Jackson Story (2004)		Dragon's Den		Da Vinci's City Hall		W-FIVE
11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Marketplace	The Nature of Things		NFL Preseason Football San Diego Chargers at Atlanta Falcons.				Intelligence
32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight		Doc "Men in Tights"		Doc "Swing Shift"		News Final (N)
6	6	6	CHIF	Doc		Doc		Flightplan ** (2005, Suspense)	Jodie Foster.			CTV News
9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE Presents: Gridlock		Law & Order: SVU		Cops		Cops		Fox First
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball: Mets at Cubs		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops		America's Most Wanted		Law/Ord SVU
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Anniversary of WrestleMania		Final Score
55	55	55	SCOR	MMA Show	Footy Show	WWE Vintage Collection		Schwab		Schwab		Final Score
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre (Live)		CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Edmonton Eskimos. (HDTV) (Live)		My Cousin Vinny *** (1992, Comedy)	Joe Pesci, Ralph Macchio.			SportsCentre
16	16	16	A&E	(6:30) Edward Scissorhands *** (1990, Fantasy)		Arbor Live		The Mix		Music Speaks		
70	70	70	APTN	Cooking	MYTV	At the Concert Hall		Spectacle: Elvis		James Dean *** (2001, Biography)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas		VIP		Michael Loftus
49	49	49	COM	VIP	22 Minutes	Newsroom		CNN Presents		Larry King Live		Newsroom
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room- Wolf Blitz		Cash Cab	How It's Made	Destroyed		Time Warp		Destroyed
38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	Qubit (N)	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Destroyed		Time Warp		Destroyed
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		SarahCottage		HGTV's Top		Makerover
46	46	46	HIST	Unlocking the Past		Sinking an Aircraft Carrier		Crime Stories		Boogie Nights *** (1997, Drama)		
17	17	17	MM	You Can Dance		A Lot Like Love ** (2005, Romance-Comedy)		Michael Jackson in Concert - Bucharest		Serpico *** (1973, Crime Drama)		
206	206	206	PIX	(6:10) The Mummy Returns (2001)		(8:20) Swordfish (2001, Suspense)		Thrill of the Kill (2006, Suspense)	Shiri Appleby.			Resident Evil
39	39	39	SHOW	Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (2008, Suspense)	Douglas Scott.	Thrill of the Kill (2006, Suspense)		The Millionaire Matchmaker		Bulging Brides		Moving Up (N)
40	40	40	SLICE	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Real Housewives OC		Police Women of Broward		Police Women of Broward		
21	21	21	TLC	Police Women of Broward		Police Women of Broward		License to Wed (2007, Romance-Comedy)		Prank Patrol		
22	22	22	W	Hwd 10 Best	The Wedding Planner ** (2001, Romance-Comedy)	Jennifer Lopez.		Survive This		Adrenaline		
27	27	27	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol		Survive This		Adrenaline		

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11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (DVS)		National Treasure ** (2004, Adventure)		(10:10) National Treasure		Doctor Who		Cold Case
32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	WBZ News (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV)		(9:01) Big Brother 11		Neighborhood		News Final (N)
6	6	6	CHIF	16:9 Picture	American Dad	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy		American Dad		CTV News
9	9	9	CJCH	Corner Gas	Big Bang Th	Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood (2009) (DVS)		Family Guy		American Dad		Fox First
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case		"Til Death	American Dad	Family Guy		American Dad		
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Dateline NBC (N)		NFL Preseason Football Chicago Bears at Denver Broncos.		24/7		Final Score
55	55	55	SCOR	News Update	Facts-Fishing	The WWE Experience		NFL Preseason Football Chicago Bears at Denver Broncos.		24/7		Final Score
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		WEC WreckCage (N)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal		
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami "Ambush"		CSI: Miami "All In"		Arbor Live		Streets of Laredo *** (1995, Western)		
70	70	70	APTN	New Canoe	MYTV	The Mix		Music Speaks		The Legend of Zorro (2005, Adventure)		
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46	46	46	HIST	The War (DVS)		Digging for the Truth		Dance		My Date		Video on Trial
17	17	17	MM	So You Think You Can Dance Canada		I Walk	(7:40) K-19: The Widowmaker ** (2002, Suspense)	Liam Neeson		Temptation * (2003, Comedy)	Annette O'Toole.	Rescue Me
206	206	206	PIX	(7:40) K-19: The Widowmaker ** (2002, Suspense)		The Guard (HDTV)		Trinity, Susannah Undress		Real Housewives NYC		Style-Famous
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Guard (HDTV)		Trinity, Susannah Undress		Real Housewives NYC		Dancing
40	40	40	SLICE	X-Weighted		Untold Stories of the E.R.		Untold Stories of the E.R.		Your Kid Ate What? (N)		For the Love
21	21	21	TLC	Untold Stories of the E.R.		Grocery Bag	Style by Jury	Prank Patrol		Prank Patrol		Adrenaline
22	22	22	W	Hwd 10 Best	Shopping	Over the Hedge *** (2006, Comedy), Steve Carell		Prank Patrol		Prank Patrol		
27	27	27	YTV	Over the Hedge *** (2006, Comedy), Steve Carell				Prank Patrol		Prank Patrol		

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**Television**

# A gay ol' time in Paradise Falls

IAN JOHNSTON  
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**Paradise Falls is going gay — more gay — proudly promoting its third season on Showcase as “the gayest CanCon on TV.”**

“That’s hilarious. That’s funny. I hadn’t heard that,” says series regular Salvatore Antonio, who plays gay B&B owner Sasha on the prime time soap.

“But that is one true statement. The show is kind of like Twin Peaks meets Desperate Housewives meets Queer as Folk. It’s one quirky show.”

Quirky is a good word to describe Paradise Falls. Long before the conniving cougars arrived on Wisteria Lane, Paradise Falls was offering up a heavy dose of cottage-country bad behavior — all done with a sly wink.

“I think what sets it apart from the usual soap is that it doesn’t take itself seriously,” says Antonio,



Paradise Falls, now entering its third season, has “become much more gay as we’ve gone along,” says series co-creator and writer Paula Smith.

who joined the show in its second season.

“It has humour but it also deals with serious issues. But yeah, we are taking the piss out of a lot of stuff.”

Not surprisingly, Para-

dise Falls hasn’t had a typical broadcast life on TV either. Though this is its third season, the show first aired in 2000. This season was in fact filmed in 2007, and has already aired in the U.S. on the specialty

network Here-TV.

Co-creator/writer Paula Smith says the sporadic broadcast history has proven a creative plus for the show.

“It’s allowed us the time in between to regroup and

reinvent the show,” she says. “I think a lot of journalists who didn’t like the show in the beginning might be surprised we’re still around 104 episodes later.”

Smith says the increase in gay characters and storylines came about gradually and is, in part, an acknowledgement of its audience at the gay-oriented Here-TV.

“I think when we first began it was more like 10 per cent of the show, but we’ve become much more gay as we’ve gone along,” she says. “But it’s still the same show. We’re still taking the soap opera conventions and turning them on their ear.”

**In brief**

**MOVIES** Screenwriters Al Gough and Miles Millar will adapt the unpublished science fiction novel I Am Number 4 for producer Michael Bay and DreamWorks Studios. In June, the studio pre-emptively purchased the film rights to the book by Jobie Hughes and A Million Little Pieces author James Frey, first in a planned four-volume young-adult series. The storyline involves a group of teenage alien refugees assimilating to high school on Earth when they discover that their home planet’s enemy is now hunting them on their new turf. Genre fans have pointed out the concept’s similarity to the 1999-2002 UPN show Roswell.

**COMICS** Ryan Condal has been hired to write a draft of Queen & Country, an action franchise that’s set up at 20th Century Fox. The project, based on Greg Rucka’s Oni Press comic, centers on a female Special Ops agent who is on the run after carrying out a high-level assassination in Eastern Europe. Those familiar with the project have described it as a female version of The Bourne Identity.

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With a Heathers movie sequel definitely in the works, more Heathers is on the way, in the form of a TV series jointly produced by Fox, Sony, and Lakeshore Entertainment, reports Variety. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

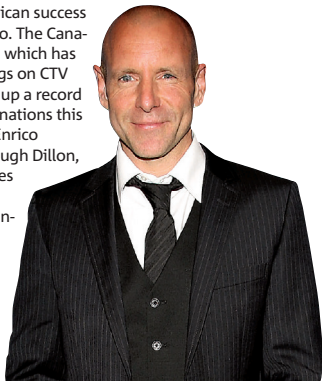
Heathers on TV

## Going Out

Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

# 1 Flashpoint

**TV** Look at what American success can do. The Canadian cop drama, which has seen good ratings on CTV and CBS, picked up a record 19 Gemini nominations this week. Starring Enrico Colantoni and Hugh Dillon, the show revolves around an elite unit who come in to play when crime situations get too hot to handle for the regular police force.



# 2 Humbug: Arctic Monkeys

**ALBUM** The Fluorescent Adolescents who became a sensation when their debut record became the fastest selling British album of all time are now brooding 20-somethings, and their third outing reflects that growing cynicism. Thankfully, singer Alex Turner's a genuine rock poet, recording all kinds of human nuances in their songs, as evident from standout tracks Crying Lightning and Cornerstone.



# 3 Taking Woodstock

**FILM** Brokeback Mountain director Ang Lee returns to his comic roots with this light-hearted take on the counter-culture phenomenon, which incidentally turned 40 this year. The music takes a backseat as the film focuses on the quaint people who played host to the world's greatest three-day party.

# 4 State of Play

**DVD** Starring Russell Crowe and Rachel McAdams as hard-boiled reporters, the film remake of the acclaimed British TV series makes a strong case against dwindling newsrooms. The lead pair tries to piece together the puzzle behind a woman's apparent suicide and opens up a whole new can of political worms. As taut as a thriller gets.



# 5 Snow Leopard

**SOFTWARE** Watch out Windows 7, the cat's on the prowl. The latest version of the Mac operating system ships out today and techies are getting ready for a showdown with Microsoft's upcoming follow-up to Vista. This time, Apple has its work cut out though as there has been a lot of positive press about Windows 7 in the last few months.



# 6 Jiminy Glick meets Ronald McDonald

**VIDEO** What happens when a demented Ronald McDonald sits down with one of television's strangest interviewers? The viewers of Will Ferrell's FunnyorDie.com site are finding out, thanks to a bizarre PETA video featuring Martin Short as his Jiminy Glick character grilling a "fried" Ronald McDonald (Andy Dick) about the fast food company's slaughter practices.

# 7 Oshawa, Ont.

**CITY** This week, the little town outside Toronto got plenty of love — sealed with a Kiss. Front man Gene Simmons confirmed that his band will visit Oshawa after all for a fall show. The fun didn't end there — Simmons hinted

that Kiss will "literally premiere" their new album Sonic Boom during the stop.

## Mix of Six

## 9th alFresco filmFesto presents Pulp Fiction

When: Friday, 9 p.m. (estimated)

Where: Halifax waterfront boardwalk (about 500 metres from the old location in front of the Electropolis building)

This popular summer event draws to a close this weekend with Quentin Tarantino's monster hit movie. Admission is \$5.

Friday in Moncton.

## The Mike Oliver Band

When: Friday through Sunday, 9 p.m.

Where: The Harbourfront, Casino Nova Scotia  
Halifax's Mike Oliver and his band is has been performing blues music in the city for the past 10 years. It's free cover to see them perform.

## Laser world sailing championships

When: Through Sept. 5

Where: St. Margarets Bay

Scheduled to be the largest sailing event in Canadian history, the four-week event sees action turning to the masters class for the next two weeks. Visit [can09.laserinternational.org](http://can09.laserinternational.org).

## Shakespeare by the Sea

When: Through Sept. 6

Where: Point Pleasant Park

This summertime theatre performs shows each weekday evening except Monday at 7 p.m., and twice on weekends at 1 and 7 p.m. Visit [shakespearebythesea.ca](http://shakespearebythesea.ca).

## QMJHL pre-season hockey

When: Saturday, 7 p.m.

Where: Halifax Forum

The Halifax Mooseheads are back on the ice for exhibition action when the Moncton Wildcats come to town. The teams also play

## Brad Paisley

When: Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Halifax Metro Centre

This American country music star is coming to Halifax along with special guests Dierks Bentley and Jimmy Wayne. Tickets are \$71.50 and \$56.50.

## McCartney recalls 1960s death rumours

**BEATLES** Former Beatle Paul McCartney has described rumors that he had died, which surfaced nearly 40 years ago, as "ridiculous" and an "occupational hazard" for a member of one of the world's biggest bands.

The conspiracy theory began in October, 1969, when a Detroit-based DJ claimed that the three other Beatles — Ringo Starr, John Lennon and George Harrison — had recruited a look-alike replacement for McCartney after he died in 1966.

He argued that because the man "posing" as McCartney on the cover of the

**"It was funny, really. But ridiculous. It's an occupational hazard."**

Paul McCartney

Beatles' 1969 album Abbey Road had bare feet meant it represented a corpse, and that the number plate on a car in the photograph was LMW 28IF — denoting McCartney's age, if he had lived.

"It was funny, really," McCartney, 67, told MOJO music magazine in an interview.

"But ridiculous. It's an occupational hazard: people make up a story and then you find yourself having to deal with this fictitious stuff."

"I think the worst thing that happened was that I could see people sort of looking at me more closely: 'Were his ears always like that?'"

He said that he had bare feet in the famous record sleeve image because he had kicked off his sandals, and that the car parked in the background was "random."

"It was madness," he recalled.

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## Kate Winslet to narrate film on autism

**DOCUMENTARY** Oscar-winning actress Kate Winslet will provide the English narration on The Sunshine Boy, a documentary exploring autism by Icelandic director Fridrik Thor Fridriksson.

The film follows the attempt by film producer Margret Dagmar Ericsdottir to understand her severely autistic son, Keli, a

## Oscar creds

• Fridriksson's 1991 drama about senior citizens, Children of Nature, received an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Language Film.

journey that eventually leads her halfway across

the world to Austin, Texas, and to famed autism therapist Soma Mukhopadhyay.

The Sunshine Boy, which bowed in Iceland in January, will have its international premiere in the Reel to Reel sidebar of the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

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**Freeman, Moore reunite**

Martin Freeman and Mandy Moore, who appeared in the 2007 feature *Dedication*, are reteaming for the romantic comedy *Swinging With the Finkels*. The pair will play husband and wife in the indie film. **REUTERS**

**Entertainment****Muslims in Malaysia banned from Black Eyed Peas concert**

Muslims in Malaysia have been barred from attending a Black Eyed Peas concert.

The show is sponsored by

Guinness, which is owned by the world's biggest spirits group, Diageo.

The move comes after a

Malaysian Islamic court sentenced a 32-year Muslim woman to be caned after she was caught drinking beer in

a hotel and at a time when an opposition Islamic party has moved against beer sales.

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French DJ David Guetta's album *One Love* was released this week.

**U.S. musicians embrace dance**

**Electronic dance music with heavy bass, unknown vocalists and mixed by club disc jockeys regularly tops pop charts in Europe, but in America such music has been an underground genre with little mainstream success.**

While disc jockeys such as Moby, Fatboy Slim and Paul Oakenfold have had a string of mainstream hits in Britain, their success as artists in the United States has been limited to the dance chart, with rare appearances in the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart, which ranks the most popular singles of all genres.

But French DJ David Guetta predicts that will change, saying U.S. hip-hop and pop stars featured on his new album, *One Love*, which was released this week, so embraced the genre that they could boost its mainstream appeal in the United States. "It's my fourth album, so I was looking for a new sound, and a lot of people here in the hip-hop industry and in R&B are feeling a bit like they are going in circles and using the same recipe," Guetta said.

"If all those big American acts are interested in this kind of sound, I think it means it's going to be really big in America in the next year," said Guetta, who also helped produce the Black Eyed Peas current No. 1 U.S. hit *I Gotta Feeling*.

"There is a real American brand embracing it," he said.

Guetta's new album features stars such as Kelly Rowland, will.i.am from the Black Eyed Peas, Akon and Ne-Yo, and has already produced No. 1 hit singles in Britain, Australia, France and other European countries, and two singles that made it onto the *Billboard* Hot 100, peaking at No. 76.

"Guetta knows what he's doing here. Bring America to the club? Nah. He'll bring the club to America," wrote Los Angeles music

critic Mikael Wood.

Experts are split on why such dance music has failed to set the charts alight in the United States. Some say club music has been unable to compete with live music in the United States, and others note that American audiences find it hard to identify with an artist who mixes music but doesn't sing.

In the United States, dance music is classified as electronic and accounts for one per cent of sales, according to The NPD Group, while in Britain dance music makes up eight per cent of sales, according to British music industry group BPI.

"In America it's always difficult for 'dance' music to be popular in the mainstream," said Keith Caulfield, a music analyst with *Billboard*. "Songs that are dance-orientated have always been popular, it's just that dance often has to be disguised in different kinds of ways for it to break through."

"When I look at our current Hot 100 chart there's a lot of songs that strike me as a dance song, but dance has taken different forms in order to reach the masses," he said. He adds DJs are more likely to have mainstream U.S. success teaming with well-known artists from other genres, which essentially "disguises" the dance music.

Music expert and author John Swenson said dance music has been popular in various forms in the U.S. for the past few decades "when technology first enabled DJs to be the real stars of popular music."

"At a time when live music is becoming less and less relevant in New York City clubs, I guess you can say it's more popular than ever," he said. "The real reason club music took over outside of the United States is that the live musicians weren't good enough to match it."

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**Clooney in accident**  
Actor George Clooney broke his hand while riding his motorcycle in Switzerland, his rep confirmed to People Magazine yesterday. **PEOPLE.COM**

## Entertainment

### A&E TV buys out Lifetime

Walt Disney Co, Hearst Corp and NBC Universal said yesterday that their jointly owned A&E Television Networks group will buy Lifetime Entertainment Services for an undisclosed sum. Lifetime is a joint venture

of Disney and Hearst. NBC Universal owns other cable channels, such as Bravo and Oxygen.

The companies said the move was a bid to consolidate three of the leading cable networks under the sin-

gle management of AETN Chief Executive Abbe Raven.

The company said in a statement that the business combination is expected to yield substantial cost efficiencies, as well as opportunities for cross promotion.

The new company will reach more than 250 million homes worldwide with channels that include A&E Network, History, Lifetime Television, Bio, Military History and Crime & Investigation Network.

The deal, expected to close this year, includes provisions by which NBC may choose or be forced to divest its stake in the new company, leaving Disney and Hearst as equal partners, the statement said. **REUTERS**

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**Evan's romancing role on True Blood**

Don't be surprised to see Evan Rachel Wood's True Blood character Queen Sophie-Anne romance someone on Sunday. "She's not necessarily a lesbian," she tells eonline.com. "Her human partner is a girl, but I'm pretty sure she goes both ways." **PEOPLE.COM**

**Entertainment**

# The Mona Lisa speaks

For centuries, Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa and her enigmatic smile have inspired as much speculation as admiration. Now she's ready to answer questions — in Mandarin.

A digital, interactive version of the renowned 16th century painting is one of 61 high-tech replicas breathing life into classical and ancient art works in the World Classic Interactive Arts Exhibition which opened in Beijing last week.

These recreations of works by old masters and renowned modern painters were crafted by a South Korean gallery. Exhibition organizer Wang Hui said it took two years of preparation and a hefty in-

**"Hello, I am the Mona Lisa. It's nice to meet you."**

A talking, digital Mona Lisa painting

vestment to bring the works to China.

"What's special about this is that it's the first time the 3D technology, holographic technology, and voice recognition technology is fused together in one exhibit," Wang said.

As is the case with the original in the Louvre in Paris, the digital Mona Lisa is the star attraction. She talks and waves to visitors.

"Hello, I am the Mona

Lisa. It's nice to meet you," she says in Mandarin.

The Last Supper is another da Vinci painting digitally brought to life, and in which Jesus talks to the apostles.

The exhibit also includes a multimedia play by life-size replicas statues of Greek and Roman gods and goddesses, who brag about their virtues and beauty while striking poses.

"I studied fine arts in college. In studios they're all stationary, but here they are alive and moving around. It's surprising and vivid," said exhibit visitor Zhao Yuanzhi.

As the exhibit tries to reveal art in a new light, it also attempts to answer one



A visitor looks at a 3-D, holographic version of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa as it waves to her in Beijing's Alive Gallery last week.

of the most enduring questions in the world — what's behind the Mona Lisa's smile.

When asked, the digital portrait is programmed to talk about how she be-

came pregnant after the death of a child and about the sorrow and happiness in her life.

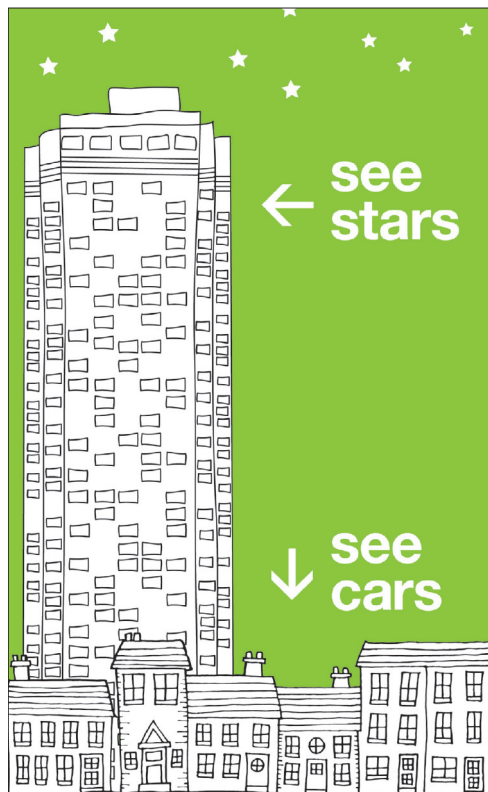
She also acknowledges that many people find her smile mysterious. **REUTERS**

**In brief**

**MOVIE CASTINGS** Canadian actor Hayden Christensen has signed to star and Thandie Newton and John Leguizamo are in negotiations to star in the indie thriller *Vanishing on Seventh Street* for director Brad Anderson. Written by Anderson (Next Stop Wonderland) and Anthony Jaswinski, the story is set in a once-thriving city where shadowy forms cause residents to disappear. Five survivors fight to stay alive while grappling with the meaning of existence. Christensen is playing a reporter. Newton would play a desperate nurse and Leguizamo a subway operator. Shooting is set to begin mid-October in the once-thriving city of Detroit. Christensen most recently appeared on the big screen in *Juniper*. **REUTERS**

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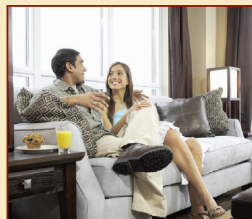
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Kelly Osbourne became addicted to Vicodin when she was 17, taking up to 50 tablets a day, she revealed in her new book *Fierce*. She says she took them to cope with the new-found fame during filming of MTV's *The Osbournes*. **POPEATER.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Celebrity tweets

**Demi Lovato** looks for a truly devoted follower, **LL Cool J** dishes out life advice, **Spencer Pratt** tries for some uncharacteristic depth, and **Tyra Banks** decides to use unrequited love to her advantage.

• **@ddlovato** I want to tattoo a fan one day... Any takers?

• **@llcoolj** Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.

• **@spencerpratt** I always need to remember you cannot serve God and money

• **@tyrabanks** thought about what to do about BOW WOW's crush n decided 2 have him on

my talk show on September 7th. what u think he's gonna do or say?

**METRO WORLD NEWS**

### Delaying Jackson burial could cost

**EXTRA FEE** The Jackson family's decision to move Michael Jackson's burial from a Saturday to a Thursday is going to cost them, TMZ claims.

According to the Glendale police, the cost for a weekend service would have run about \$50,000 US, but moving to a weekday event will "at least triple the price," a source said.

For fans wanting to attend on Sept. 3: "Don't even try and come, because you won't even be able to see the green of the Forest Lawn," warned Sgt. Tom Lorenz.

**METRO WORLD NEWS**



GETTY IMAGES

## Chris 'thrills' nightclubbers

**IMPROMPTU** Chris Brown reportedly amazed onlookers on the dance floor with a Michael Jackson rendition, hours after he was sentenced for assaulting Rihanna, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 20-year-old singer — who received six months community labour and five years probation after pleading guilty to the February attack — was at Hollywood night-club Guys and Dolls on Tuesday

evening, where he allegedly gave an energetic rendition of Michael's hit *Dirty Diana*.

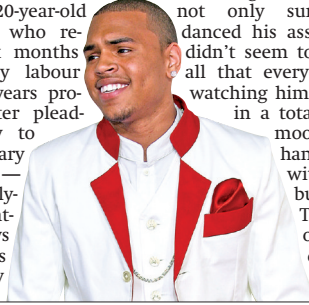
An onlooker said: "He stood up on the back of the booth when the song came on, got a mike and not only sung, but danced his ass off. He didn't seem to care at all that everyone was watching him. He was in a totally good mood, just hanging out with his buddies. Then all of a sudden he decided

to put on a little show."

For his 1,400 hours community labour, Brown will have to remove graffiti and wash cars. He was also ordered to go to domestic violence classes for a year and is not allowed to contact Rihanna for five years. Brown has to pay fines and will have to undergo random searches and seizures.

Meanwhile, Brown has reportedly recorded a no-holds-barred interview with talk show host Larry King, in which he is quizzed about the assault. The interview is set to air next week.

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## Gerard accused of striking dog

**CRAZY DOG OWNERS** Gerard Butler has been accused of assaulting a dog, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Retired banker Fred Varecka claims the star lashed out at his greyhound Mayfly on a street in Queens, N.Y., on Monday afternoon.

Varecka was walking two dogs when Butler's unleashed pug dog ran over to them. He says Butler quickly followed, striking one of Varecka's larger dogs for no reason.

Varecka said: "My dog crashed into a fence before yelping in pain. I asked him, 'What did you hit my

dog for?' But he just kept ranting and raving that our dog should be put down — it was unbelievable because the dogs never came into contact at any time."

But a friend of the actor claims the greyhounds attacked his pooch.

The source said: "Gerry had to physically get in the middle of the two of them to protect the little dog. As far as I know, they are exaggerating. Gerry is an

animal lover and simply separated the dogs.

"He would never hurt another animal."

Butler's representative backed up this version of events, saying: "A larger greyhound repeatedly attacked Gerard's small pug, so he separated them to protect both dogs."

Varecka has filed a harassment complaint with the New York Police Department, claiming Butler "cursed him out."

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## Anne's no fan of her ex-husband

**UGLY DIVORCE** What does Anne Heche think of her ex-husband, Coley Laffoon?

"Can you say 'lazy ass' on TV?" the actress, 40, said on Wednesday's *Late Show With David Letterman*. Heche and Laffoon — who have a seven-year-old son, Homer — divorced in 2007 after five

years of marriage, usmagazine.com reports.

Last June, she agreed to pay him a \$275,000 US lump sum and \$3,700 per month in child support for their son.

Asked by Letterman what Laffoon does for a living, she sniped: "He goes out to the mailbox and he opens up the little mailbox door and goes, 'Oh! I got a cheque from Anne! Oh! I got a check from Anne! Yay!'"

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## Madonna defends Gypsies

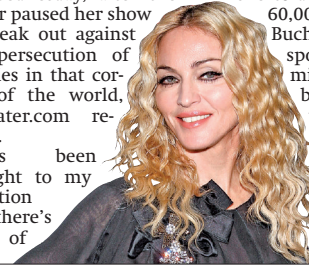
**UNPOPULAR SENTIMENT**

Thousands of Romanian concertgoers voiced their displeasure with Madonna on Wednesday, after the singer paused her show to speak out against the persecution of Gypsies in that corner of the world, popeater.com reports.

"It's been brought to my attention that there's a lot of

discrimination against Romani and Gypsies in general in Eastern Europe, and that makes me very sad," she told the crowd of 60,000 in Bucharest. As she spoke, a vocal minority began booing her words. She reportedly did not acknowledge the jeers.

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## Lindsay knows burglars?

**SUSPICION** New evidence has surfaced in the Lindsay Lohan burglary case. Police have released the surveillance tape, and detectives believe the trio entered through an unlocked door and took personal items belonging to the actress, popeater.com reports.

LAPD describe the suspects as being between the ages of 18-25 — one white male and two white females. And it seems like Lohan may know the suspects.

Lohan tweeted yesterday saying, "That's

how i know it was not a ROBBERY. electronics weren't taken ... just things that a certain old friend knew meant a lot to me."

According to TMZ, police are looking at the possibility that the burglars who hit Lohan are the same people who broke into Audrina Patridge's Los Angeles pad earlier this year.

A law enforcement officer said Lohan was shown a picture of the man who broke into her place and said he "looked familiar."

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## Avril and Deryck divorcing?

**SHORT-LIVED** Looks like Avril Lavigne and Deryck Whibley may be in trouble. The Canadian musicians, who married in 2006, are allegedly headed for a divorce, sources tell Gatecrasher.

Lavigne was spotted in the Hamptons recent-

ly without Whibley. "She wanted to get away from Deryck and have a weekend to herself," a source said. She reportedly spent the weekend partying with male admirers. Lavigne and Whibley haven't been photographed together since December.

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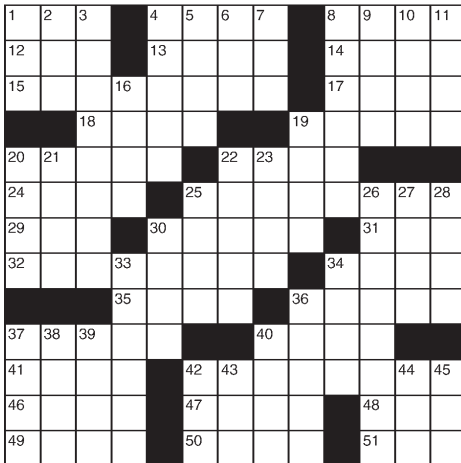
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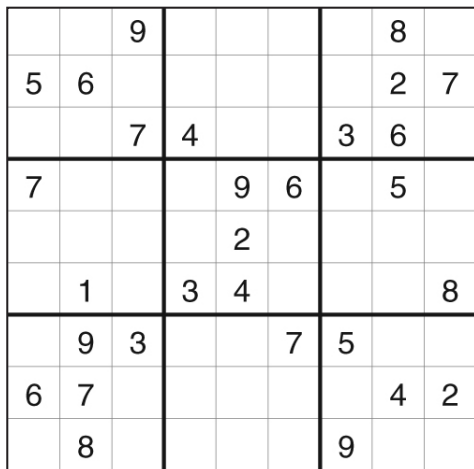
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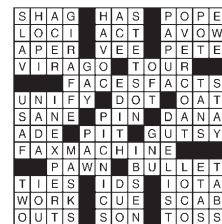
## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Surf 'n' Turf Tenderloin

## INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (15 ml) finely chopped onion  
1 garlic clove, minced  
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil, divided  
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter, divided  
1/4 cup (50 ml) beef broth  
16 uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined  
1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh parsley  
4 beef tenderloin steaks

## METHOD:

1. In small skillet, sauté onion and garlic in 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil and 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter until tender. Add broth; cook and stir 1 minute. Add shrimp; cook and stir until shrimp turn pink, 3-5 minutes. Add parsley.

2. Meanwhile, make horizontal cut three-fourths of way through each steak. Place three shrimp in each pocket. Cover remaining shrimp and sauce for garnish; set aside and keep warm.  
3. In large skillet, heat remaining oil and butter over medium-high heat. Add steaks; cook until meat reaches desired doneness (10-13 minutes for medium), turning once. Top with remaining shrimp and sauce.

SERVES 4

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## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

You'll be in love with anyone and everyone — well, almost. But don't let people seeking to take advantage of your generous nature succeed.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

You have always been generous and today you won't be able to say no to anyone who needs assistance. But make sure you get a little something in return.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

If there is something that needs to be said at home or at work, speak up. You'll get your message across without starting an unnecessary feud.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

If you're smart you'll tell someone something they need to hear in a way that doesn't damage their already fragile ego. Honesty does not have to hurt.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

There's no point trying to force yourself to work. Give yourself the day off and have a long, enjoyable weekend. You'll return to work raring to go next week.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

You'll get the chance today to escape the daily grind. Enjoying the company of people who share your social and spiritual values will revitalize you.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

You may be tempted to accept less than you are entitled to in a professional or financial capacity, but hold out and the other side will give in.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Remind yourself what a truly privileged individual you are. You've got problems but you've also got more than most people get in a lifetime. Appreciate it.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You will be at peace with the world — or at least your personal domain. Life is good and getting better by the minute, and so it should.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Someone you are close to could do with a kind word or a cuddle today and you won't need to be asked twice. Who says Aquarius doesn't do emotion?

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

You'll get encouraging news about your financial situation and that will take away worries lurking at the back of your brain. Have a fun weekend too.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Work? What's that? You have finished for the week and you intend to kick back and relax. That's good. You need time out to repair your body and mind.

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